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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Washington, D. C.

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NOTICE

20 February 1953

SUBJECT: Establishment of the CIA Honor Awards Program

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1. In accordance with [REDACTED] dated 20 February 1953 the Agency may grant honor awards to CIA personnel who perform acts of valor or exemplary achievement of the highest order in the national security interest. To this end, the CIA Honor Awards Board has been created to set the standards for Agency awards, and to make recommendations to the Director for his approval.

2. The principle of recognizing individuals for deeds performed above and beyond the call of duty is traditional. Deeds requiring a high order of personal courage have been and will be performed by CIA personnel who are engaged in the support of United States intelligence activities. Similarly, CIA individuals have made and will make singularly important and highly significant contributions of a nonvalorous nature to the national intelligence effort. Although the anonymity demanded by our profession militates against overt forms of recognition, a system of CIA Honor Awards has been established which is specifically designed to meet security considerations so that deserving personnel may receive special recognition.

3. Submission of Nominations

a. Nominations for CIA Honor Awards may originate at any administrative echelon.

b. All nominations shall be forwarded to the CIA Honor Awards Board, with endorsement by the appropriate Assistant Director or Office head. Nominations affecting CIA military personnel will be coordinated by the CIA Honor Awards Board with the Military Personnel Division of the Personnel Office.

c. Each nomination shall be accompanied by supporting data, thus affording the Board sufficient information on which to base its recommendation.

FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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